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I am disappointed by the penalties not imposed on the software giant. The software giant does not need to propagate it's muscle by giving out and providing computers to the poorest schools. If that was the case...LET these poor schools make the choice of which operating system they wish to have in their school system. Besides...if they are in fact the poorest schools how can some of these schools justify an IT person or persons on staff to maintain Windows machines. The alternative Operating systems offer much more less maintenance and will not hurt the schools that are poor.

This is not a choice...it is stuffing every school with an operating system that it is forced to use...without given the chance to choose.

I say fine them (very steeply).... Allocate the money to the poorest schools and let the people make the bids and offers...let the school make the choice. Do not let Microsoft FORCE FEED their power upon these people...it will just give them more reason...for dominance. That is the very thing that defeats the purpose of the suit. As a consumer that is unfair and uncalled for.

A Disgusted Citizen